



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4648

Dear Mr. Kinsella:

This is in reference to the matter involving the New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee, which your office referred to the Federal Election Commission.

On June 17, 1997, the Commission found that there was reason to believe Mary F. Obwald, Gregory V. Serio, David R. Dudley and Luther Mook each violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(h)(1), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Also on June 17, 1997, the Commission found reason to believe that the Kings County Republican Committee and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 433(a), 434(a)(1) and 441b(a); and that Dorn & Associates, P.C. violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Subsequently, the Commission took no further action against these respondents.

Further, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe the New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee and Michael Avella, as treasurer ("the Committee"), knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(c)(5), (h)(1) and 434(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9(b)(1), (2) and 104.3(b); that William D. Powers and Jeffrey T. Buley knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(h)(1); and that Arthur Bramwell violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(h)(1). The Commission has taken no further action against Arthur Bramwell. The Commission has

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now entered into a joint conciliation agreement with the Committee, and Messrs. Buley and Powers in the matter. A copy of this agreement is enclosed for your information.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping the Commission meet its enforcement responsibilities under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Buckley, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel



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Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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